

producing open online learning system tools

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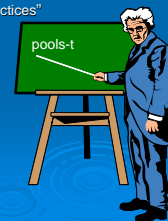
Project Rationale

The project is a Multilateral project (Development of Innovation only.) targeting the priority and objective:

- "to support the development of innovative ICT-based content, services, pedagogies and practice for lifelong learning"
- "To support improvements in quality and innovation in vocational education and training systems, institutions and practices"

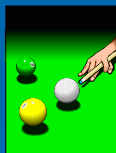
The needs analysis is based on several surveys and reports:

- The EURYDICE report "Key Data on Teaching Languages at School in Europe, 2005 Edition"
- A EURYDICE survey in 2006 "Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) at School in Europe"
- The ICC report (2003) "The Impact of New Information Technologies and Internet on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and on the Role of Teachers of Foreign Languages"



Pools-t core products

- A desktop tool which can convert texts into html documents where all words are hyperlinked to free online dictionaries
- A web based tool with functionality like "Babelfish"
- Instruction videos and training materials
- A methodology guide to show pedagogical considerations for CLIL application of the software and its outputs
- Exemplary CLIL materials in the project languages produced with the tools



The desktop tool

- Converts texts to web pages where all words are linked to dictionaries
- Support for audio, video, and graphics
- Choice of hundreds of free dictionaries
- Copyleft (Creative Commons license)



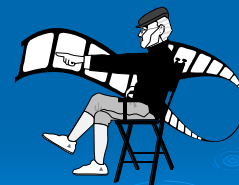
A Web Based Tool

- Based on the functions found in Yahoo Babelfish and Google Translate
- Does not translate, but link all words to online dictionaries
- Open source
- Copyleft



A "do it yourself" DVD

- Shows how to use the two software tools
- Step by step instruction and demonstration
- English soundtrack
- Subtitles in the project languages



CLIL Method Guide

- Extends the results from a previous project BP-BLTM
- Shows how to apply the tools in a CLIL context
- Translated and adapted versions in Danish, Dutch, Greek, and English



Project Future, i.e. after the EU funded period October 2008 through September 2010

- The project will be continued under the POOLS “umbrella”
- Project website: 40.000+ annual visitors
- Digital pools: Still growing
- Partnership: Is an open and growing network
- Newsletters: bi-annual
- Visit: www.languages.dk



A screenshot of the POOLS website. The page has a blue header with the text "Welcome to pools! producing open online learning systems tools". Below the header, there is a navigation menu with the following items: Home, Cooperating projects, Project documents, Members, Videos, Tools, Search, Project Blog, Learning units, Teaching materials, Manuals & teachers, and Latest news. The main content area contains several paragraphs of text, including a section titled "language teaching tools, materials, methods, and teacher courses" and a section titled "Let the pools website serve as a portal to your results". At the bottom of the page, there is a small photograph of two people sitting at a table, looking at a laptop screen.